

Senate Bill No. 1274

CHAPTER 523

An act to amend the heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 52720) of Chapter 11 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of, and to add Section 52730 to, the Education Code, relating to patriotic exercises.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1274, Wyland. Patriotic exercises and instruction.

Existing law requires a public school to conduct daily patriotic exercises. Existing law provides that this requirement may be satisfied through reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

This bill would specify that instruction that promotes understanding the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible," and understanding the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States of America satisfies the requirement that patriotic exercises be conducted. This bill would also require that, when pupils in a public school are instructed with regard to the words of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as part of these patriotic exercises, the school is to provide a combination of the giving of the pledge and the instruction described above, which shall be provided by school districts during the time allotted for the patriotic exercise.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. The heading of Article 2 (commencing with Section 52720) of Chapter 11 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Education Code is amended to read:

Article 2. Patriotic Exercises and Instruction

SEC. 2. Section 52730 is added to the Education Code, to read:

52730. (a) Providing instruction that promotes understanding the concepts of "pledge," "allegiance," "republic," and "indivisible," and understanding the importance of the pledge as an expression of patriotism, love of country, and pride in the United States of America shall satisfy the requirement of Section 52720.

(b) When pupils in a public school are instructed with regard to the words of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America as

part of the patriotic exercises conducted pursuant to this article, that public school shall provide a combination of the giving of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the instruction specified in subdivision (a). School districts shall provide this instruction during the time allotted for the patriotic exercise.